

money and yet it does because we give these agencies this money to spend on motor voter registrations. And it's ridiculous to me, in the first place, that we have to have this humongous half a million dollar government program to go try to register 100,000 people to vote. And you are right, Senator Schimek, we haven't had a cycle of elections yet to know if all of these registrations are even going to make a dent or difference in the vote count because we...we're going out to register these individuals to vote and there is no way to assure that they will vote. And there was no way to assure before this legislation was passed that they would register to vote. If we can't, as American citizens, even honor our responsibility to register to vote without a government program, I hesitate to think that those individuals will be responsible enough to go vote. But that's another matter that time will tell if that's the case. Regardless of that, if it shouldn't cost any money according to the individuals who voted for this at the federal level and if it was tucked into LB 76 which was a huge election rewrite that you really couldn't pull it out of there last year in order to get at it, to try to keep that, and we were urged that we had to comply with the federal government on this thing or they would take us to court on this and it would cost even more. I would just like to be one of those states that just says no. Just say no to that. That's how you fight a federal mandate. You don't sit there and make political rhetoric and you don't sit there and tell people that this is what you're against and then turn around and fund it. You just don't fund it and then tell the federal government if you want us to do it, you fund it, you come up with the money for us, we don't have it in our state budget. We're trying to cut back on our state budget and this is one area where we want to cut back. So I'm giving you an opportunity to make that statement to the federal government, to the U.S. Senators who voted for this motor voter law that said it shouldn't cost anything, just like a lot of the laws that they passed that said they shouldn't cost anything and they end up costing us, as in this case, hundreds of thousands of dollars. And there are statutes that we don't fund. We're not going to fund the Campaign Finance Limitations Act. We didn't put any money into that and yet that's going to go into effect during this cycle. And I guess what you're saying is, in that case, we'll have to pull that money out of the General Fund because it's in statute. And so I guess I disagree with the arguments that are being given here and I see absolutely no reason why we have to take this quarter of a million dollars, and we've already given them a quarter of a million dollars to